Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A percussion mechanism for a repetitively hammering hand power tool in the form of a rotary hammer [[-]] ~~preferably a drill hammer and/or percussion hammer~~ [[-]] that has a striker (2), movable axially forward and backward in a guide barrel (1), having a device (5) that exerts pressure on the striker (2), by which the striker (2) is capable of being set into a forward motion in the direction of a tool bit (4) that is insertable into the hand power tool, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a blocking element (10) is provided, with which the striker (2) is blockable in its forward motion; and wherein ~~that~~ the striking frequency of the striker (2) is adjustable by controlling the blocking time of the blocking element (2).

2. (currently amended) The percussion mechanism in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device exerting pressure on the striker (2) comprises a pressure reservoir (5) that is fillable with a gas and that is located on the side of the striker (2) diametrically opposite the tool bit (4).

3. (currently amended) The percussion mechanism in accordance with claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gas in the form of [[-]] ~~preferably~~ air [[-]] is deliverable to the pressure reservoir (5) via an inlet valve (6).

4. (currently amended) The percussion mechanism in accordance with claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the quantity of the delivered gas and thus the pressure exerted on the striker (2) are controllable.

5. (currently amended) The percussion mechanism in accordance claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a pump device (7) is provided, which delivers the gas to the pressure reservoir (5).

6. (currently amended) The percussion mechanism in accordance with claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pump device (7) is located in the hand power tool.

7. (currently amended) The percussion mechanism in accordance with claim 2 ~~1~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pressure reservoir (5) has an outlet valve (8), which limits the gas pressure to a predeterminable maximum value.

8. (currently amended) The percussion mechanism in accordance with claim 2 ~~1~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the blocking time of the blocking element (10) is controllable as a function of a fixedly predetermined or user-selectable striking frequency and/or as a function of the pressure level in the pressure reservoir (5).